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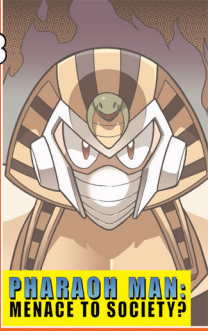

PHARAOH MAN: MENACE TO SOCIETY?

DR. LIGHT & DR. LaLinde IS IT LOVE?

EMERALD SPEARS STRIKE IN MIDTOWN

IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR. LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!

Mega Man was able to defeat the plans of Dr. Wily, and the mad doctor was imprisoned for his crimes. Light Labs was able to re-program the former adversaries to fight alongside Mega Man in the battle against evil. But Wily broke free from prison, and decided to exact his revenge on the world.

Mega Man was able to stop Dr. Wily's ambitions once again, but the mad scientist escaped at the last moment. With Wily's whereabouts currently unknown, Dr. Light and Rock turn their focus back to robotics. The Advanced Robotics Trade Show has begun, and with Wily missing in action...

...nothing could possibly go wrong...

...could it?

CHARACTER SELECT

MEGA MAN

PHARAOH MAN

DR. LALINDE

QUAKE WOMAN

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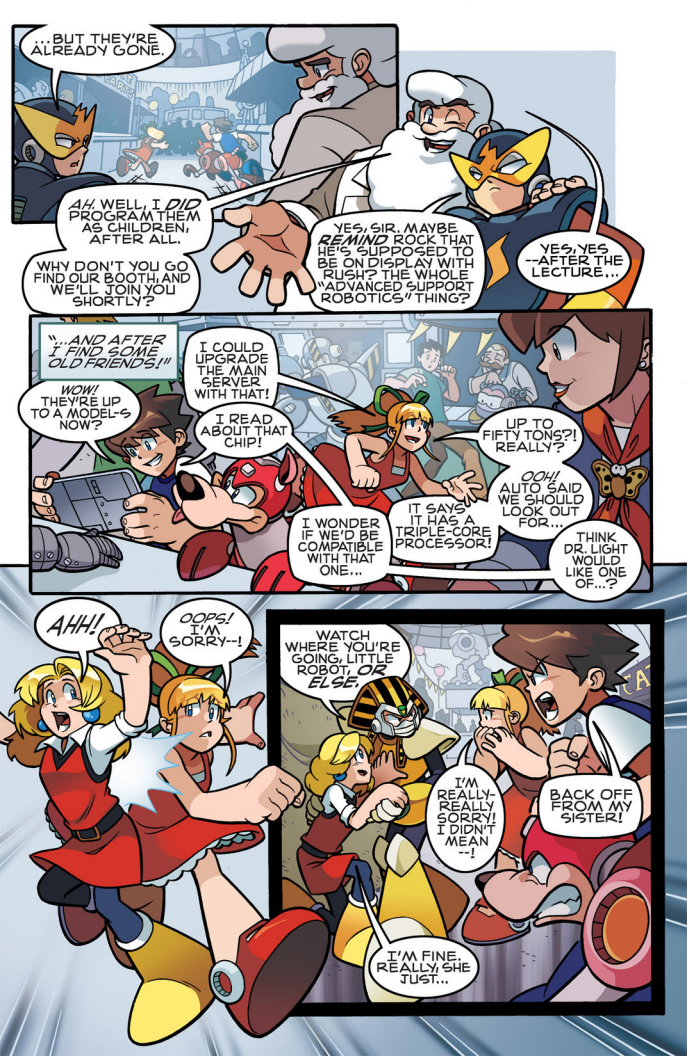
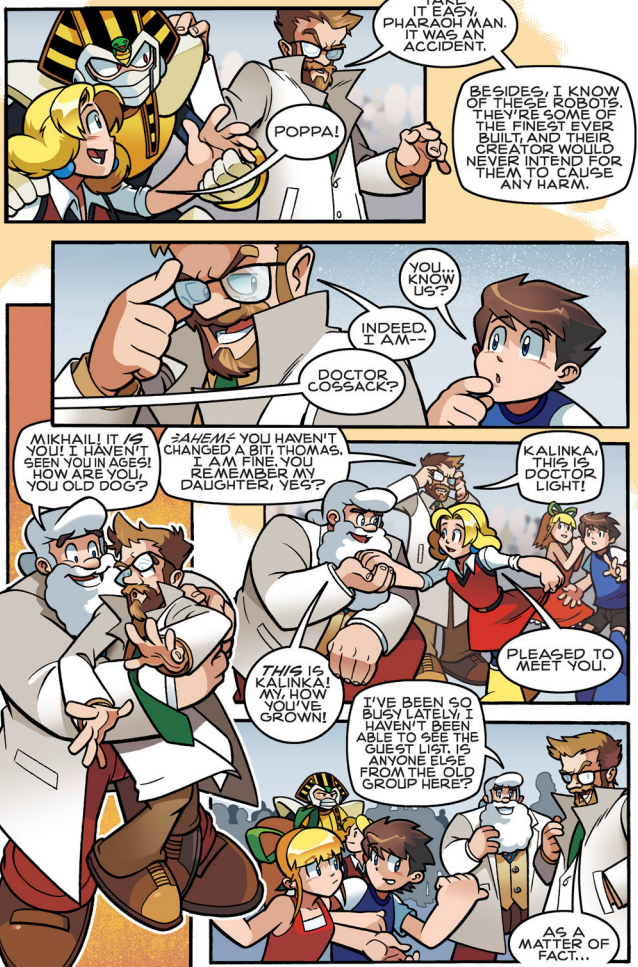
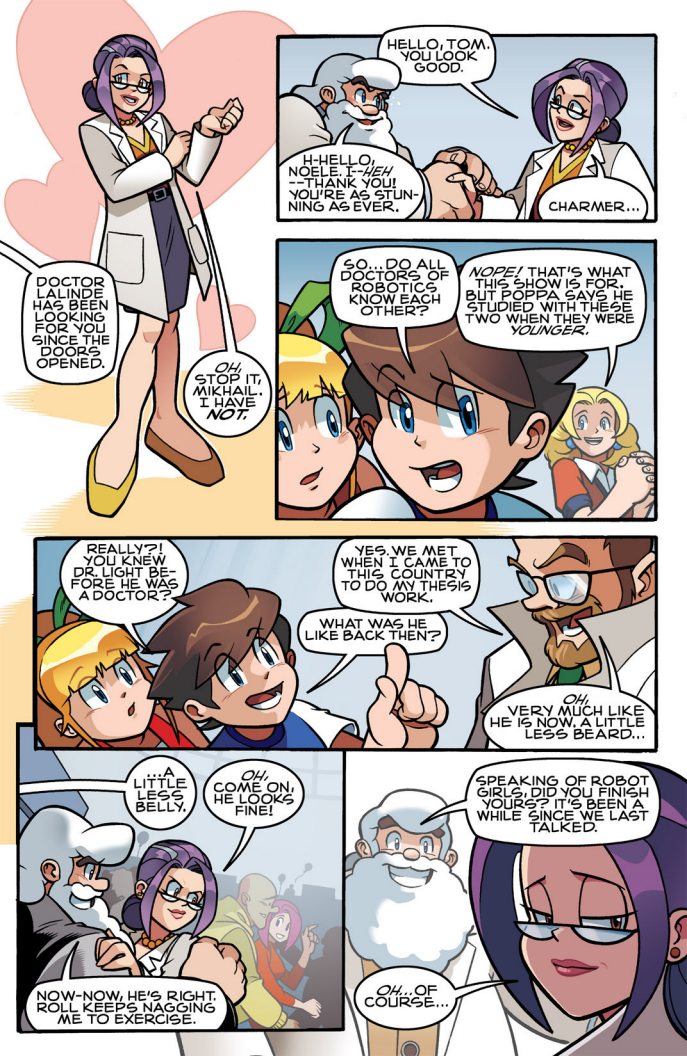
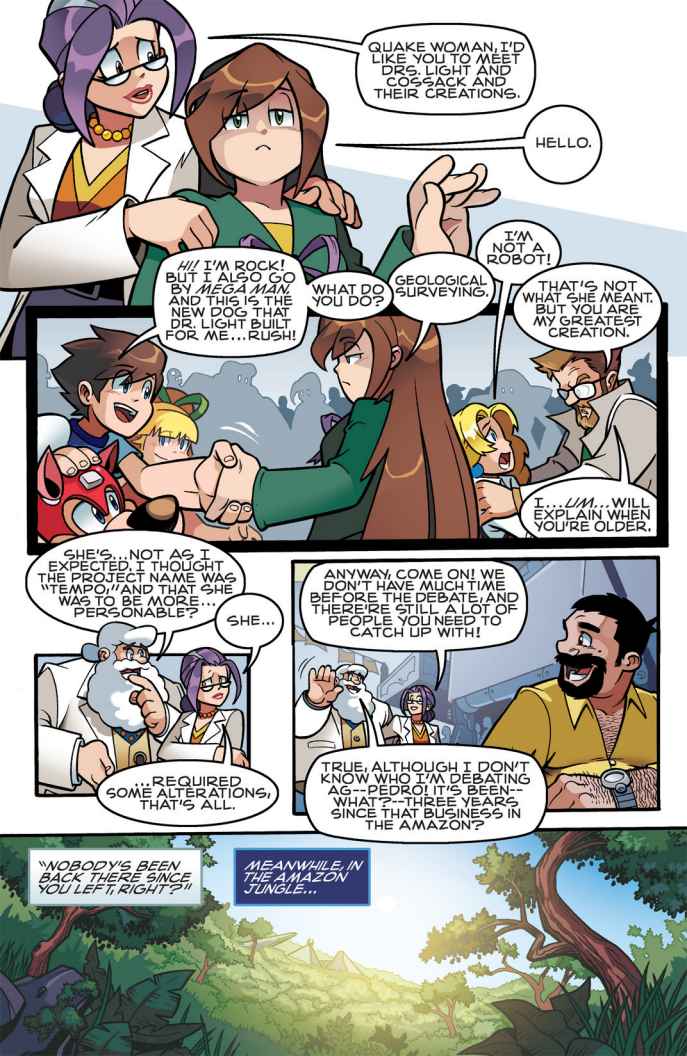
WELCOME TO THE ADVANCED ROBOTICS TRADE SHOW EVENING PREMIERE!
WELCOME, CHILDREN...
...TO THE ADVANCED ROBOTICS TRADE SHOW!
OH MY GOSH LOOK AT ALL THE DIFFERENT ROBOTS!
THIS. IS. THE. COOLEST. PLACE. EVER!
HERE, THE GREATEST MINDS IN ADVANCED ROBOTICS GATHER TO COMPARE NOTES, SHOW OFF OUR LATEST DESIGNS, AND DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF...
HATE TO BURST YOUR BULB, SIR...

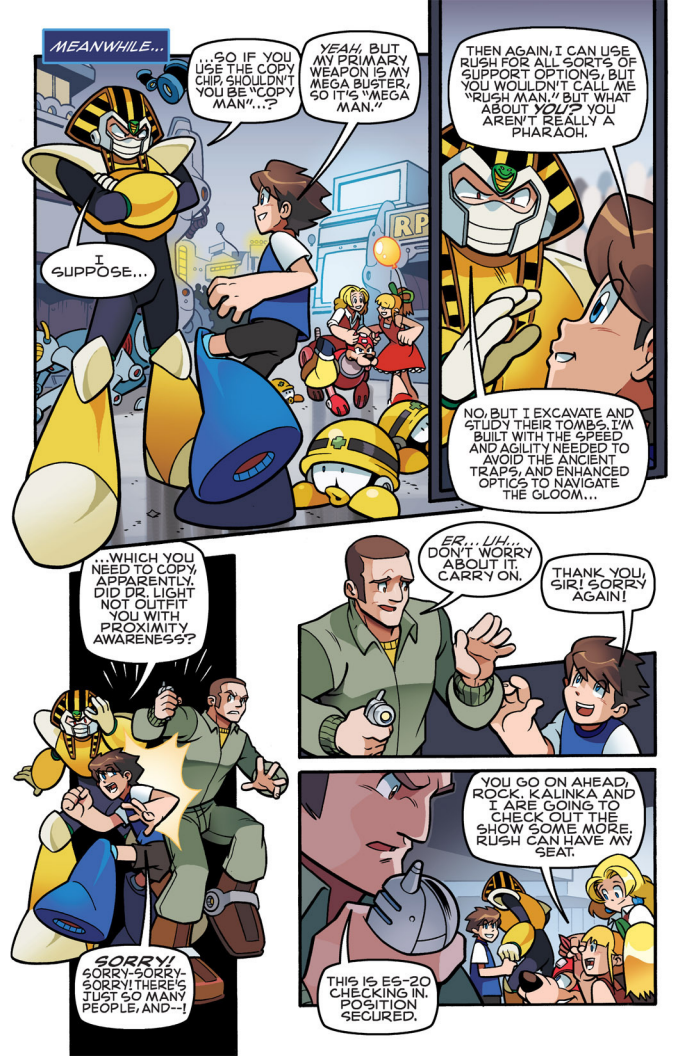

...BUT THEY'RE ALREADY GONE.
AH. WELL, I DID PROGRAM THEM AS CHILDREN, AFTER ALL.
WHY DON'T YOU GO FIND OUR BOOTH, AND WE'LL JOIN YOU SHORTLY?
YES, SIR. MAYBE REMIND ROCK THAT HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE ON DISPLAY WITH RUSH? THE WHOLE "ADVANCED SUPPORT ROBOTICS" THING?
YES, YES --AFTER THE LECTURE...
"...AND AFTER I FIND SOME OLD FRIENDS!"
WOW! THEY'RE UP TO A MODEL-S NOW?
I COULD UPGRADE THE MAIN SERVER WITH THAT!
I READ ABOUT THAT CHIP!
I WONDER IF WE'D BE COMPATIBLE WITH THAT ONE...
IT SAYS IT HAS A TRIPLE-CORE PROCESSOR!
UP TO FIFTY TONS?! REALLY?
OOH! AUTO SAID WE SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR...
THINK DR. LIGHT WOULD LIKE ONE OF...?
AHH!
OOPS! I'M SORRY--!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, LITTLE ROBOT, OR ELSE.
I'M REALLY-REALLY SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN --!
BACK OFF FROM MY SISTER!
I'M FINE. REALLY, SHE JUST...

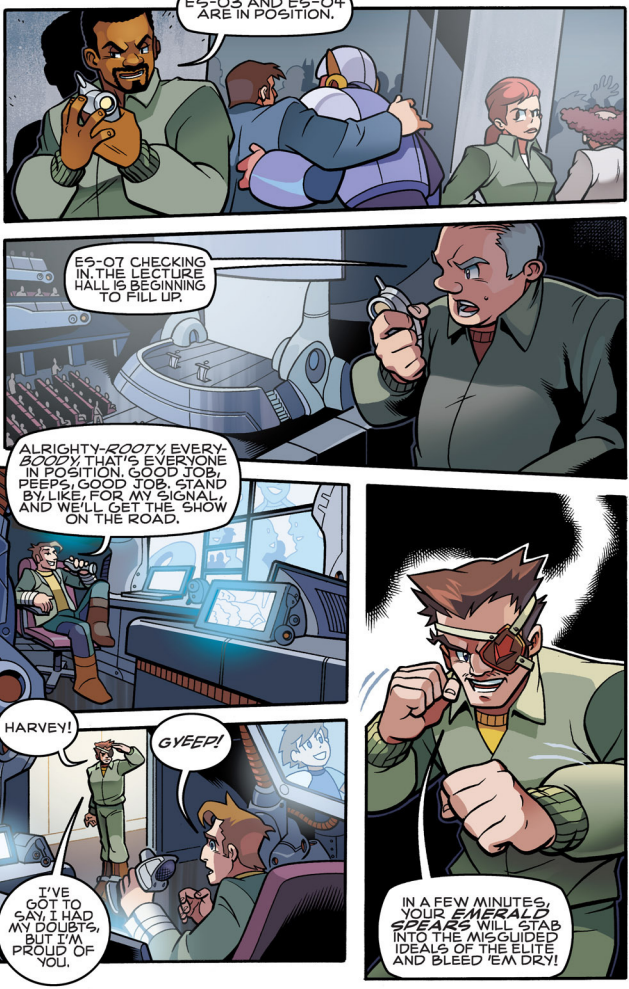

TAKE IT EASY, PHARAOH MAN. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
BESIDES, I KNOW OF THESE ROBOTS. THEY'RE SOME OF THE FINEST EVER BUILT, AND THEIR CREATOR WOULD NEVER INTEND FOR THEM TO CAUSE ANY HARM.
POPPA!
YOU... KNOW US?
INDEED. I AM--
DOCTOR COSSACK?
MIKHAIL! IT IS YOU! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AGES! HOW ARE YOU, YOU OLD DOG?
AHEM< YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT, THOMAS. I AM FINE. YOU REMEMBER MY DAUGHTER, YES?
KALINKA, THIS IS DOCTOR LIGHT!
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
THIS IS KALINKA! MY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN!
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE THE GUEST LIST. IS ANYONE ELSE FROM THE OLD GROUP HERE?
AS A MATTER OF FACT...

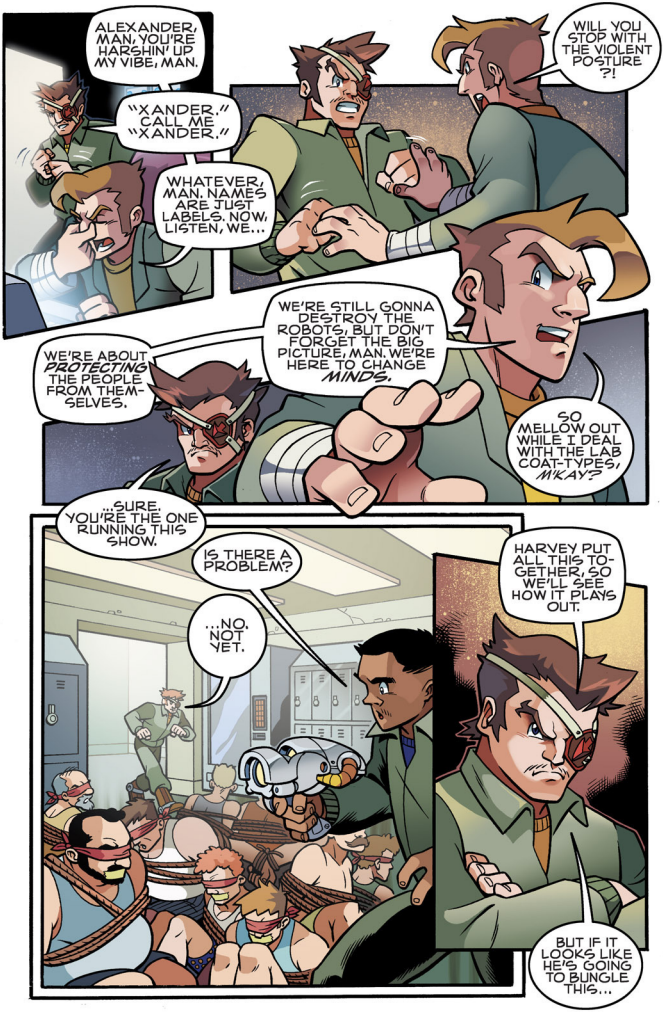

DOCTOR LALINDE HAS BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU SINCE THE DOORS OPENED.
OH, STOP IT, MIKHAIL. I HAVE NOT.
HELLO, TOM. YOU LOOK GOOD.
H-HELLO, NOELE. I--*UEH* --THANK YOU! YOU'RE AS STUNNING AS EVER.
CHARMER...
SO...DO ALL DOCTORS OF ROBOTICS KNOW EACH OTHER?
NOPE! THAT'S WHAT THIS SHOW IS FOR. BUT POPPA SAYS HE STUDIED WITH THESE TWO WHEN THEY WERE *YOUNGER*.
REALLY?! YOU KNEW DR. LIGHT BE-FORE HE WAS A DOCTOR?
YES. WE MET WHEN I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY TO DO MY THESIS WORK.
WHAT WAS HE LIKE BACK THEN?
OH, VERY MUCH LIKE HE IS NOW. A LITTLE LESS BEARD...
...A LITTLE LESS BELLY.
OH, COME ON, HE LOOKS FINE!
NOW-NOW, HE'S RIGHT. ROLL KEEPS NAGGING ME TO EXERCISE.
SPEAKING OF ROBOT GIRLS, DID YOU FINISH YOURS? IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE LAST TALKED.
OH...OF COURSE...

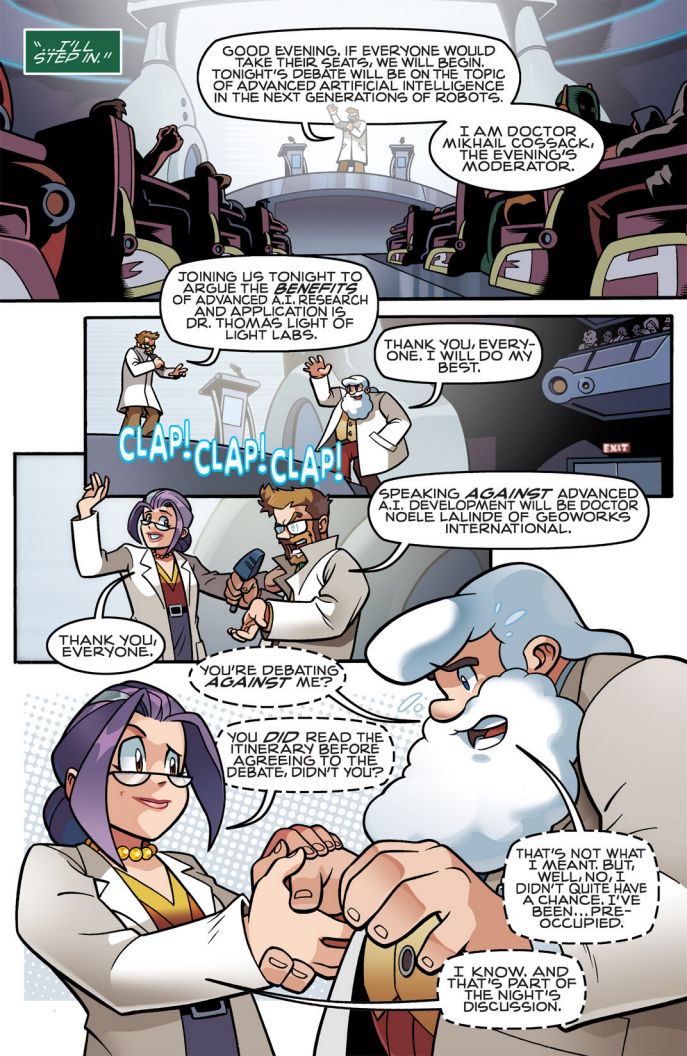

QUAKE WOMAN, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET DRS. LIGHT AND COSSACK AND THEIR CREATIONS.
HELLO.
I'M NOT A ROBOT!
!!! I'M ROCK! BUT I ALSO GO BY MEGA MAN, AND THIS IS THE NEW DOG THAT DR. LIGHT BUILT FOR ME... RUSH!
WHAT DO YOU DO?
GEOLOGICAL SURVEYING.
THAT'S NOT WHAT SHE MEANT. BUT YOU ARE MY GREATEST CREATION.
I... UM... WILL EXPLAIN WHEN YOU'RE OLDER.
SHE'S... NOT AS I EXPECTED. I THOUGHT THE PROJECT NAME WAS "TEMPO," AND THAT SHE WAS TO BE MORE... PERSONABLE?
SHE...
...REQUIRED SOME ALTERATIONS, THAT'S ALL.
ANYWAY, COME ON! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME BEFORE THE DEBATE, AND THERE'RE STILL A LOT OF PEOPLE YOU NEED TO CATCH UP WITH!
TRUE, ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHO I'M DEBATING AG--PEDRO! IT'S BEEN--WHAT?--THREE YEARS SINCE THAT BUSINESS IN THE AMAZON?
"NOBODY'S BEEN BACK THERE SINCE YOU LEFT, RIGHT?"
MEANWHILE, IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE...

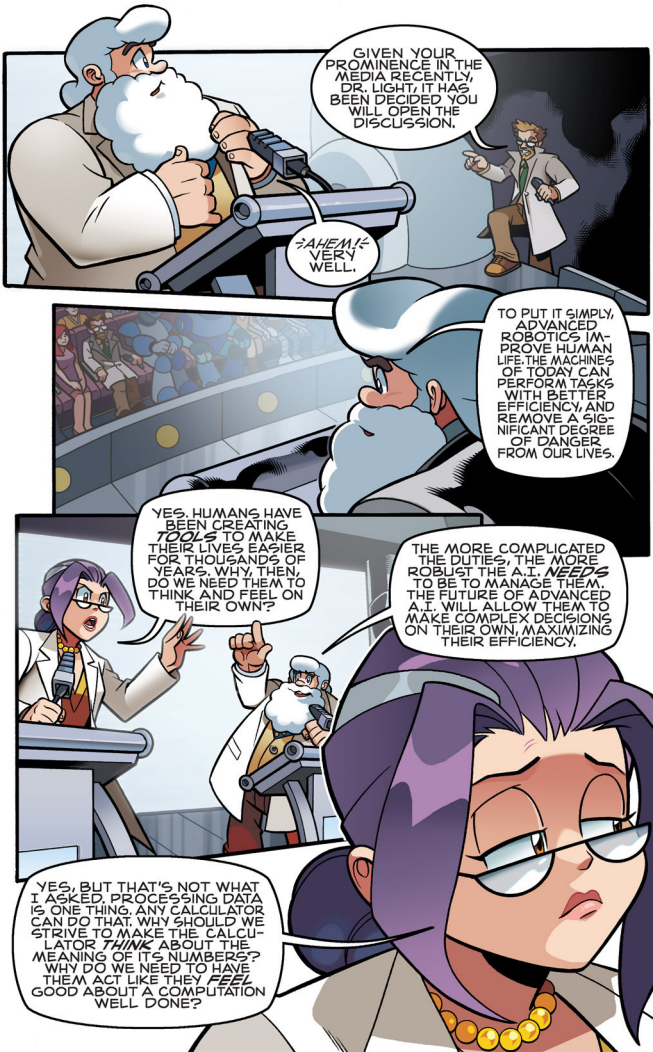
KZZZT!
POCKITY-POCKITY-POCKITY-
K-TANK!
PSSSSSSSSHOOOOO
HMPH. I THOUGHT IT'D MAKE IT A LITTLE FARTHER. BUT IT SHOWS THAT MYSTERIOUS EMP* FIELD IS STILL ACTIVE AFTER SO MANY YEARS.
*ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE --EDITOR.
HEH HEH HEH... BETWEEN THE LOCAL SUPERSTITIONS AND THE U.N. SANCTION OF THIS PLACE, I SHOULD HAVE THE AREA ALL TO MYSELF!
>HUFF! HUFF!< KEEP AT IT, ALBERT ...IT'LL BE WORTH IT...
NOT ONLY >HUFF< WILL YOU GET TO SHOW UP THOMAS...
...BUT YOU'LL >WHEEZE< SHOW UP THE ENTIRE >GASP< WORLD BY >WHEEZE< SOLVING THE >GASP< MYSTERY OF THE >WHEEZE< LANFRONT >GASP< RUINS.
STUPID EMP FIELD >WHEEZE< CAN'T USE ROBOTS. >GASP< GONNA HAVE A HEART ATTACK. >WHEEZE<

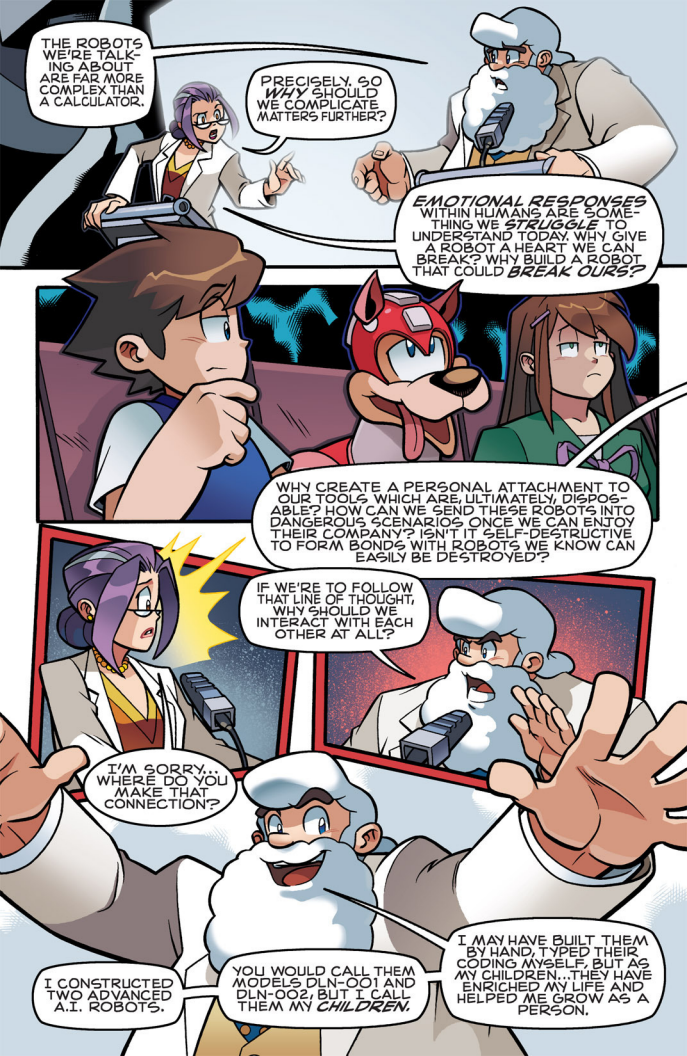

MEANWHILE...
...SO IF YOU USE THE COPY CHIP, SHOULDN'T YOU BE "COPY MAN"...?
YEAH, BUT MY PRIMARY WEAPON IS MY MEGA BUSTER, SO IT'S "MEGA MAN."
I SUPPOSE...
THEN AGAIN, I CAN USE RUSH FOR ALL SORTS OF SUPPORT OPTIONS, BUT YOU WOULDN'T CALL ME "RUSH MAN." BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU AREN'T REALLY A PHARAOH.
NO, BUT I EXCAVATE AND STUDY THEIR TOMBS. I'M BUILT WITH THE SPEED AND AGILITY NEEDED TO AVOID THE ANCIENT TRAPS, AND ENHANCED OPTICS TO NAVIGATE THE GLOOM...
...WHICH YOU NEED TO COPY, APPARENTLY. DID DR. LIGHT NOT OUTFIT YOU WITH PROXIMITY AWARENESS?
SORRY! SORRY-SORRY-SORRY! THERE'S JUST SO MANY PEOPLE, AND--!
ER... UH... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. CARRY ON.
THANK YOU, SIR! SORRY AGAIN!
YOU GO ON AHEAD, ROCK. KALINKA AND I ARE GOING TO CHECK OUT THE SHOW SOME MORE, RUSH CAN HAVE MY SEAT.
THIS IS ES-20 CHEKING IN. POSITION SECURED.

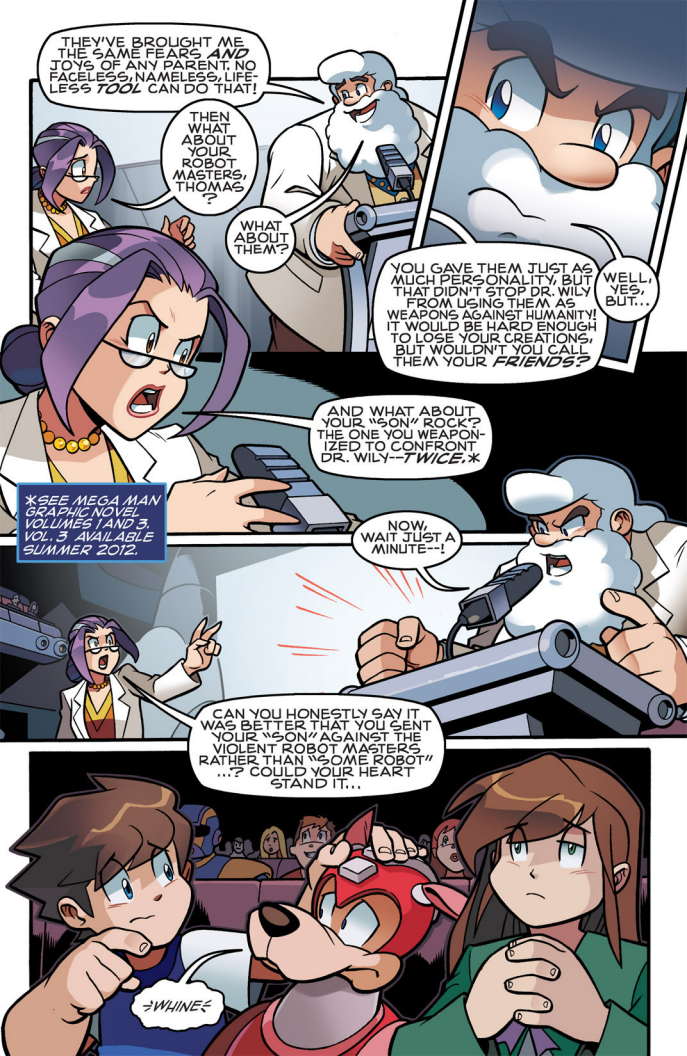

ES-03 AND ES-04 ARE IN POSITION.
ES-07 CHECKING IN. THE LECTURE HALL IS BEGINNING TO FILL UP.
ALRIGHTY-*ROOTY*, EVERY-*BOODY*, THAT'S EVERYONE IN POSITION. GOOD JOB, PEEPS. GOOD JOB. STAND BY, LIKE, FOR MY SIGNAL, AND WE'LL GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD.
IN A FEW MINUTES, YOUR *EMERALD SPEARS* WILL STAB INTO THE MISGUIDED IDEALS OF THE ELITE AND BLEED 'EM DRY!
HARVEY!
GYEEP!
I'VE GOT TO SAY, I HAD MY DOUBTS, BUT I'M PROUD OF YOU.


ALEXANDER, MAN, YOU'RE HARSHIN' UP MY VIBE, MAN.
"XANDER." CALL ME "XANDER."
WHATEVER, MAN. NAMES ARE JUST LABELS. NOW, LISTEN, WE...
WILL YOU STOP WITH THE VIOLENT POSTURE ?!
WE'RE STILL GONNA DESTROY THE ROBOTS, BUT DON'T FORGET THE BIG PICTURE, MAN. WE'RE HERE TO CHANGE MINDS.
WE'RE ABOUT PROTECTING THE PEOPLE FROM THEM-SELVES.
SO MELLOW OUT WHILE I DEAL WITH THE LAB COAT-TYPES, M'KAY?
...SURE. YOU'RE THE ONE RUNNING THIS SHOW.
IS THERE A PROBLEM?
...NO. NOT YET.
HARVEY PUT ALL THIS TO-GETHER, SO WE'LL SEE HOW IT PLAYS OUT.
BUT IF IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO BUNGLE THIS...


"...I'LL STEP IN."
GOOD EVENING. IF EVERYONE WOULD TAKE THEIR SEATS, WE WILL BEGIN. TONIGHT'S DEBATE WILL BE ON THE TOPIC OF ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE NEXT GENERATIONS OF ROBOTS.
I AM DOCTOR MIKHAIL COSSACK, THE EVENING'S MODERATOR.
JOINING US TONIGHT TO ARGUE THE BENEFITS OF ADVANCED A.I. RESEARCH AND APPLICATION IS DR. THOMAS LIGHT OF LIGHT LABS.
THANK YOU, EVERYONE. I WILL DO MY BEST.
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!
EXIT
SPEAKING AGAINST ADVANCED A.I. DEVELOPMENT WILL BE DOCTOR NOELE LALINDE OF GEOWORKS INTERNATIONAL.
THANK YOU, EVERYONE.
YOU'RE DEBATING AGAINST ME?
YOU DID READ THE ITINERARY BEFORE AGREEING TO THE DEBATE, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. BUT, WELL, NO, I DIDN'T QUITE HAVE A CHANCE. I'VE BEEN...PRE-OCCUPIED.
I KNOW. AND THAT'S PART OF THE NIGHT'S DISCUSSION.

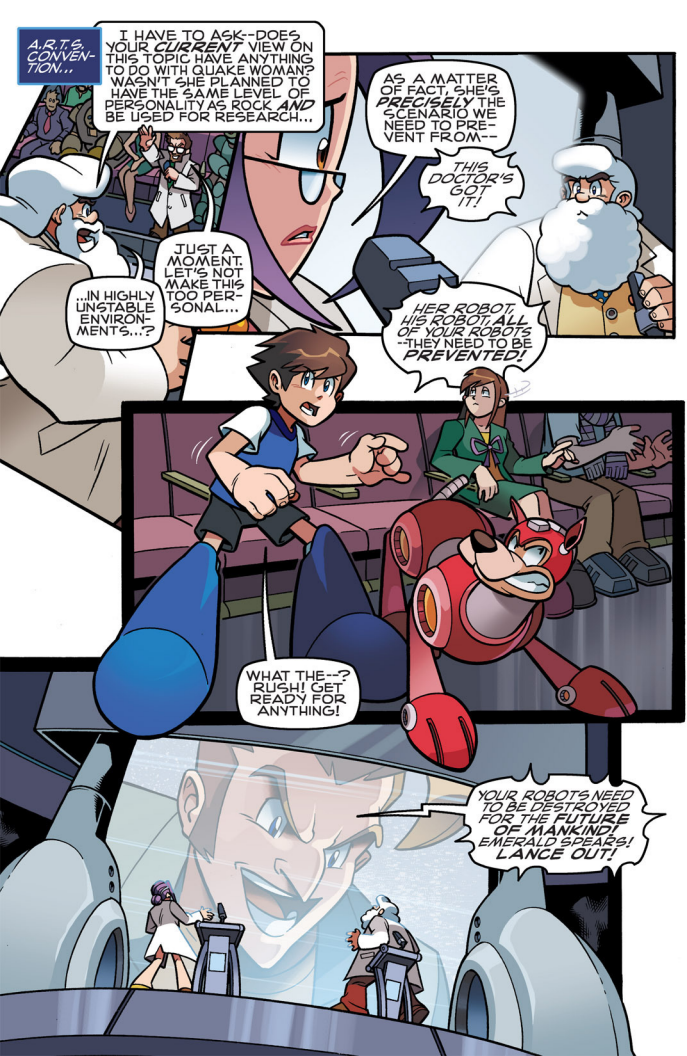

GIVEN YOUR PROMINENCE IN THE MEDIA RECENTLY, DR. LIGHT, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED YOU WILL OPEN THE DISCUSSION.
AHEM! VERY WELL.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, ADVANCED ROBOTICS IMPROVE HUMAN LIFE. THE MACHINES OF TODAY CAN PERFORM TASKS WITH BETTER EFFICIENCY, AND REMOVE A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF DANGER FROM OUR LIVES.
YES, HUMANS HAVE BEEN CREATING *TOOLS* TO MAKE THEIR LIVES EASIER FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS. WHY, THEN, DO WE NEED THEM TO THINK AND FEEL ON THEIR OWN?
THE MORE COMPLICATED THE DUTIES, THE MORE ROBUST THE A.I. *NEEDS* TO BE TO MANAGE THEM. THE FUTURE OF ADVANCED A.I. WILL ALLOW THEM TO MAKE COMPLEX DECISIONS ON THEIR OWN, MAXIMIZING THEIR EFFICIENCY.
YES, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED. PROCESSING DATA IS ONE THING. ANY CALCULATOR CAN DO THAT. WHY SHOULD WE STRIVE TO MAKE THE CALCULATOR *THINK* ABOUT THE MEANING OF ITS NUMBERS? WHY DO WE NEED TO HAVE THEM ACT LIKE THEY *FEEL* GOOD ABOUT A COMPUTATION WELL DONE?


THE ROBOTS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE FAR MORE COMPLEX THAN A CALCULATOR.
PRECISELY, SO *WHY* SHOULD WE COMPLICATE MATTERS FURTHER?
EMOTIONAL RESPONSES WITHIN HUMANS ARE SOMETHING WE *STRUGGLE* TO UNDERSTAND TODAY. WHY GIVE A ROBOT A HEART WE CAN BREAK? WHY BUILD A ROBOT THAT COULD *BREAK OURS?*
WHY CREATE A PERSONAL ATTACHMENT TO OUR TOOLS WHICH ARE, ULTIMATELY, DISPOSABLE? HOW CAN WE SEND THESE ROBOTS INTO DANGEROUS SCENARIOS ONCE WE CAN ENJOY THEIR COMPANY? ISN'T IT SELF-DESTRUCTIVE TO FORM BONDS WITH ROBOTS WE KNOW CAN EASILY BE DESTROYED?
IF WE'RE TO FOLLOW THAT LINE OF THOUGHT, WHY SHOULD WE INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER AT ALL?
I'M SORRY... WHERE DO YOU MAKE THAT CONNECTION?
I CONSTRUCTED TWO ADVANCED A.I. ROBOTS.
YOU WOULD CALL THEM MODELS DLN-001 AND DLN-002, BUT I CALL THEM MY *CHILDREN.*
I MAY HAVE BUILT THEM BY HAND, TYPED THEIR CODING MYSELF, BUT AS MY CHILDREN...THEY HAVE ENRICHED MY LIFE AND HELPED ME GROW AS A PERSON.


THEY'VE BROUGHT ME THE SAME FEARS AND JOYS OF ANY PARENT. NO FACELESS, NAMELESS, LIFELESS TOOL CAN DO THAT!
THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR ROBOT MASTERS, THOMAS?
WHAT ABOUT THEM?
YOU GAVE THEM JUST AS MUCH PERSONALITY, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP DR. WILY FROM USING THEM AS WEAPONS AGAINST HUMANITY! IT WOULD BE HARD ENOUGH TO LOSE YOUR CREATIONS, BUT WOULDN'T YOU CALL THEM YOUR FRIENDS?
WELL, YES, BUT...
AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR "SON" ROCK? THE ONE YOU WEAPONIZED TO CONFRONT DR. WILY--TWICE.*
*SEE MEGA MAN GRAPHIC NOVEL VOLUMES 1 AND 3. VOL. 3 AVAILABLE SUMMER 2012.
NOW, WAIT JUST A MINUTE--!
CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY IT WAS BETTER THAT YOU SENT YOUR "SON" AGAINST THE VIOLENT ROBOT MASTERS RATHER THAN "SOME ROBOT" ...? COULD YOUR HEART STAND IT...
=WHINE=

"...IF DR. WILY HAD DESTROYED HIM?"
;WHEW! AT LEAST IT'S LESS HUMID IN HERE...
WHAT COULD BE CAUSING THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELD?
THE LANFRONT PEOPLE HAD SOME ADVANCED ARCHI-TECTURAL AND STONEWORK SKILLS, BUT NOTHING THAT COULD...
CLICK!
AAAA IIIIIIIIE EEEEE!

AAAAAAA--
--AAAAA--
--AAAAAA--
OOF!
OF ALL THE...
...WH--WHAT...WHAT IS THAT?


A.R.T.S. CONVENTION...
I HAVE TO ASK--DOES YOUR CURRENT VIEW ON THIS TOPIC HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH QUAKE WOMAN? WASN'T SHE PLANNED TO HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF PERSONALITY AS ROCK AND BE USED FOR RESEARCH...
AS A MATTER OF FACT, SHE'S PRECISELY THE SCENARIO WE NEED TO PREVENT FROM--
THIS DOCTOR'S GOT IT!
JUST A MOMENT. LET'S NOT MAKE THIS TOO PERSONAL...
...IN HIGHLY UNSTABLE ENVIRONMENTS...?
HER ROBOT, HIS ROBOT, ALL OF YOUR ROBOTS --THEY NEED TO BE PREVENTED!
WHAT THE--? RUSH! GET READY FOR ANYTHING!
YOUR ROBOTS NEED TO BE DESTROYED FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND! EMERALD SPEARS! LANCE OUT!

HMM... POWER-OUTAGE? THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT?
ADVANCED DEGREES AVAILABLE!
TRAVINSKY SCIENCE ACADEMY
LIGHT LABS
and MACHINE-- TOGETHER!
EASILY. IT'D BE MORE EXCITING THAN HAVING YET ANOTHER PERSON ASK ME TO CHARGE THEIR PHONE.
HERE'S ONE OF THE SECURITY GUARDS. HE CAN SHOW US WHERE TO...
BACK OFF, OR I'LL MAKE SPARKS FLY!
WHOA! I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP--
I SEE HIM, I SEE HIM. SIR, I SPECIALIZE IN ELECTRICITY. WHERE IS YOUR --?
THE EMERALD SPEARS HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF THIS BUILDING! ALL HUMANS TO THE MAIN EXIT!
ALL ROBOTS, STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

HUMANS TO THE FRONT! MOVE IT! ROBOTS-- GET OUT OF THE WAY!
W-W-WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE...?
COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO HIDE YOU SO YOU'RE SAFE!
B-B-BUT WH-WHAT ABOUT POPPA?
I SHOULD CALL AND...
SHHH!
RIGHT NOW, LET'S WORRY ABOUT KEEPING *YOU* SAFE. YOUR DAD'S IN THE LECTURE HALL, RIGHT? WELL, THAT'S WHERE MEGA MAN IS.

"HE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE!"
HURRY UP, IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
AHHH!
HEY!
APPEL ROBOTICS
SALE!
TAKE IT EASY ON THEM! IT'S DARK AND THEY'RE CONFUSED!
MAKE ME. I'LL FIGHT BACK. EXCEPT YOU CAN'T MAKE ME DO ANYTHING, CAN YOU?
ER...UM... ARE YOU...UM ...ALL RIGHT, MISS?
...FIRST LAW OF ROBOTICS. BRING NO HARM TO A HUMAN.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. NOW KEEP OUT OF THE WAY. WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP THESE PEOPLE FROM FURTHER HARM, SO IT'S NOT YOUR CONCERN, ROBOT.
ER...THIS WAY, MA'AM. JUST ...JUST DO AS THEY SAY...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D WANT WILY'S CODING BACK IN MY SYSTEM. ONE OVER-RIDE AND I COULD JUST...
DON'T SAY THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO IF WILY REPRO-GRAMMED ME... JUST COOL YOUR CIRCUITS FOR NOW.

MMPH-- EXCUSE ME!
I GOTTA --OOF!-- PROTECT THE DOCTORS!
C'MON, RUSH!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US?
MY NAME IS HARVEY GREENLEAF, M'KAY? I'M HERE WITH A PLAN, MAN. A VISION. YOU THREE'RE GONNA HELP ME SEE IT THROUGH, 'CAUSE TONIGHT...
YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME BRING AN END TO THE FUTURE OF ADVANCED ROBOTICS!
A CONVENTION HALL IN LOCK-DOWN!
THOUSANDS OF LIVES IN DANGER!
THE VERY FUTURE OF MEGA MAN IS AT STAKE!
COME BACK NEXT TIME AS THE STAKES GET EVEN HIGHER!

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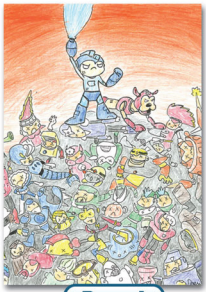

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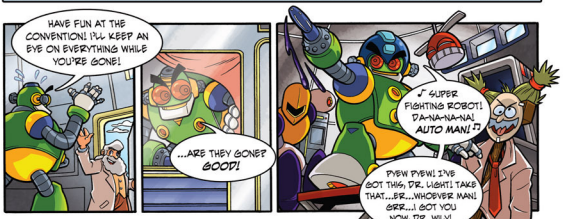
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MEGA-MAIL

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Dear Mega-Mail,
I think the new Mega Man series is great!

Thanks! We love what we do! :)

When are you guys at Archie comics going to put in Rush and Proto Man?

As you can see with this issue, Mega Man (and everyone's!) favorite robot dog RUSH has debuted! As for Proto Man, sit tight for some exciting new announcements coming soon!

Also are you or when are you going to put in the 3rd wave of robot masters? For example guys like Needle Man, Shadow Man, Magnet Man, and the rest of the robot masters?

We've got big plans for the next wave of robot masters, but we're also not going to rush (ha!) to get there. We've got A LOT of Mega-ground to cover in the next year, and we hope all you loyal Mega Man fans will dig what we have in store!

Please write back,
Matt T.
sent to MegaMan@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the letter, Matt! Keep reading!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I finally caught myself up (and even renewed my subscription). You guys are doing a great job!

Thank you, we always appreciate the support!

I am really enjoying the nods to the games (like Metal Man being weak to his own attack). I also really enjoyed what you did with Quick Man, especially since he's my favorite robot master.

Hes's one of my favorites, too!

Oh, and I totally second Mega Man X and Mega Man Legends spin offs series in the future. You could even make a Bonne Family exclusive series!

Legends, too?! Oh boy, that's a lot of titles. Well nothing's impossible!

Jonathan B.
sent to MegaMan@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jonathan!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey Archie crew!

Hey letter-writer-person!

You guys are doing a great job, the Mega 2 adaption your doing is awesome. The added virus drama is just what this book needed.

I loved that twist that Ian put on the MM2 adaptation with the virus, added tons of extra dramatic-goodness!

Is that a foreshadowing of a certain dynamic duo of maverick hunters?

Yooooouuu'll seeeee...

Current fav robot master is Crash Man. Every panel is awesome.

Yeah Ben really tore it up with that scene! Possibly my favorite sequence from the comic yet! Glad to hear you enjoyed it!

Could you do something like the Ruby Spears cartoon though? Life between games, small Wily plots that are doomed from the beginning, stuff like that? That would be great, plus some timeline crossovers couldn't hurt either. How would Mega react to Rock Vollnut? Oh, please more robot master puns!

Proto-fan, Sebastian M.
sent to MegaMan@archiecomics.com

Well, Sebastian, as you can see with this very issue we gave a title tip of the ol' hat to the Ruby Spears cartoon by titling the terrorist organization the "Emerald Spears"! As for the slower-paced stuff, you can definitely look forward to change-ups in issue pacing over the next year or so. We listen very closely to what you fans out there demand, and we're here to make the book the best it can be for you!

Remember, Mega-fans, to get out there to your local retailer and "DEMAND YOUR MEGA MAN"! This series has reached far and wide but we won't stop until everyone out there can follow the adventures of the blue bomber at every retailer available! If your comic shop or book store doesn't carry the series, make sure you let them know that you "DEMAND YOUR MEGA MAN"!

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